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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated September 21, 2007, which was made Final, applicants submit this Amendment and Response. Applicants respectfully request that this Response and the accompanying papers be made part of the official record in the above referenced application.

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